

BOSTON DETROIT IN DECISIVE SERIES

Three Straight Victories by
Either Probably Would De-
cide the Championship.

GREAT ABILITY SHOWN
BY SOUTHPAW THOMAS

Des Moines Pitcher, With Harper
and Yingling, Should Give Team
Strong Trio of Left-handers.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Boston's Red Sox open a three-game series at Detroit today that may decide where the American League pennant will fly. Should either of the teams make a clean sweep of the series the lead gained thereby would be sufficient to almost assure ultimate victory.

Detroit had a hard time beating the pitchers the Mackmen presented in their three games there, Jennings being forced to the limit to win two of the games by one run and losing yesterday's contest 2 to 0.

Boston won two out of three from the White Sox and seems to be hitting better than it has of late. Jennings used both of his left-handers, the Cleveland pitcher, against the Athletics, and will be forced to depend upon his right-handers in the last two games. Big Bill James, when he has control, has been effective against the Sox, and George Daus also has been.

Foster is slated to pitch the opening game today, and he usually is very effective against the Tigers; Ruth probably will be sent in for the second game, though he did not look good with only two days' rest when he attempted to come back here in the final game against Johnson.

That Manager Griffith has corralled a very promising young pitcher in Claude Thomas, who held the Browns to two hits and no runs yesterday, seems assured.

Thomas probably will make his next appearance against the Detroit team, against which Griffith expects to pitch. Johnson twice, in the first and the final contests. He is likely to use Thomas in one of the others, for he will have had three days' rest, while the team is in Cleveland.

Having used Johnson twice against the Red Sox in the final series here, Griffith will not want to be charged with showing favoritism to his own pitchers. He did not have a chance to work Johnson in Chicago, and Walter Johnson will not pitch in Cleveland, where Gallia, Shaw and Walter will be in the line-up.

The fact that the umpires who officiated during the St. Louis games refused to call when the umpire who caught Siler off first base twice and also tipped Marsans, the best two base runners the Browns can boast of, is significant. Thomas must have a splendid motion to deceive such wise base runners as Marsans and Siler, and it must be legitimate, and he is quick to call balls when there are grounds for such action.

Thomas should do much to give the Griffins a good pitching staff of left-handers. Harry Harper, it is believed, will be better than ever by next season, while Yingling, the veteran southpaw, who pitched wonderful ball for Minneapolis this season, and is a fast runner and hard hitter, should be one of the most effective pitchers in the American League. This trio should be of great aid to the Nationals' corps of right-handers—Johnson, Shaw, Gallia, and Ayers.

If the Mackmen play the same kind of ball in Chicago that they did in Detroit—and there is no reason why they shouldn't—the White Sox will be going rather rough and not be able to gain any ground at the tail-enders' expense. Mack had good pitching against the Tigers, and it may be better when they face the White Sox, so that Boston will have some grounds to worry about during the tail-enders' stay in his town.

Mack proved when he started on the trip that he would surprise some of the contenders, and he already has made good in that respect.

STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Boston	81	59	.575	581 574
Detroit	83	61	.575	579 572
Chicago	81	62	.565	569 562
New York	73	67	.521	525 518
St. Louis	74	79	.484	518 511
Cleveland	73	79	.484	514 507
Washington	70	69	.504	507 500
Athletics	51	108	.323	229 221

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Brooklyn	82	55	.599	591 584
Philadelphia	80	58	.580	586 578
Boston	77	58	.568	579 572
New York	71	67	.513	525 518
Pittsburgh	64	75	.464	482 475
Chicago	62	79	.440	444 437
St. Louis	60	81	.430	430 423
Cincinnati	54	88	.380	385 378

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Washington, 1; St. Louis, 0.
Philadelphia, 2; Detroit, 0.
Boston, 4; Chicago, 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Philadelphia, 6; Chicago, 1.
Boston, 2; St. Louis, 0.
New York, 2; Pittsburgh, 0.
Pittsburgh, 1; Cincinnati, 1.
Brooklyn, 4; Cincinnati, 1.
Cincinnati, 2; Brooklyn, 1.

SCHEDULES.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

TODAY. TOMORROW.
Wash'n at Cleveland. Wash'n at Cleveland.
Phila. at Chicago. Phila. at Chicago.
New York at St. Louis. New York at St. Louis.
Detroit at Detroit. Boston at Detroit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

TODAY. TOMORROW.
Pittsburgh at New York. Pittsburgh at Phila.
Cincinnati at Brooklyn. Cincinnati at Boston.
St. Louis at Boston. St. Louis at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Phila. Chicago at New York.

Four no-hit games have been pitched in the big leagues this year. Hughes of the Braves recorded the first one against Pittsburgh in Boston. Foster of the Red Sox, Bush of the Athletics and Leonard of the Red Sox followed with similar feats in the order named. Foster and Leonard also pitched their games in the Hub.

Gallia Will Pitch Today; Menokey in Left Field

Special Dispatch to The Star.
CLEVELAND, September 19.—Mike Menokey will play left field today in place of Shanks, who will see the game from the bench for a few days, while the Minneapolis outfielder, Manager Griffith announced upon his arrival here today, is out of the lineup. Morgan will be retained at short for a few days longer, but will play in the Detroit series. Gallia is slated to pitch today against the Indians.

DISTRICT TENNIS UPSET

Hancock's Defeat by Herrie a Surprise, While Other Matches Go Through as Expected.

But one upset featured the third round in the District tennis championship at the Dumbarton Tennis Club yesterday afternoon, that being the defeat of John M. Hancock by Colin Herrie in straight sets 6-4, 7-5.

Hancock, who has been going well this season, could not possess the side lines with his drive, and his severe American service held no terrors for Herrie, who chopped it back with a deep wrist stroke, keeping Hancock at the back line for the major part of the battle. Herrie showed a strong backhand that came skimming over the net with just enough speed to make it hard to handle. The match did not possess the smashing, dashing net play which the younger generation of players exult in, but was the steady wearing down of one base liner by another.

Douglas Hillyer, true to his type of game, dropped the second set at love to Arthur Sweetser, and won the third, to register a victory at 7-5, 6-0, 6-2. Dudley Morgan of the Chevy Chase Club, after winning the first set from C. Boyd at 6-1, found a little trouble capturing the second at 6-8. Robert C. Boyd, who had been the victor in the second round, met defeat at the hands of Lou Doyle in straight sets at 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

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BLANKED BY THOMAS

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Off Nationals' Recruit.

Two Caught Off First

Pass to Leonard, Foster's Hit and
Sacrifices by Milan and Smith

Score Only Run of Game.

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Cobb Fails to Get a Hit, Increasing Speaker's Lead

Tris Speaker was the only leading big league batter idle yesterday, but his hold on first place in the American League was increased two points when Ty Cobb failed to hit in three times up. Jackson made two hits in three trials and gained a point.

In the National League Chase and Wheat each made three hits in a double-header, the former in eight trials at bat and the latter in seven. Hornsby failed in three trials, and is closely pressed by Hinchman, who has two hits in seven attempts. Hinchman hit but once out of six times.

The standings:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Speaker	50	193	.384
Cobb	50	192	.384
Jackson	51	193	.355
NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chase	496	164	.331
Wheat	520	168	.318
Hornsby	453	142	.313
Daubert	423	132	.312
Hinchman	503	154	.309

RICE IS TO GET IN GAME

Manager Griffith Announces He Will
"Play His Best Hitter" Within
a Few Days.

ST. LOUIS, September 19.—Manager Griffith has announced that Outfielder Sam Rice probably will be injected into the box score at an early date. "He is my best hitter," says Griff, "and with him in the line-up I believe our run totals will be greatly increased."

Clyde Milan will likely draw a run-off when Rice recovers sufficiently from his illness to break in.

The Browns were helpless on bases once they got on yesterday, due to Thomas' half-balk motion to first base. Walter Johnson beat the day before, while Manager Jones selected Eddie Plank, the veteran left-hander, to oppose the former Western League pitcher.

But the Nationals got after Plank in the very first inning, when they advanced on Milan's sacrifice. At this advantage, Thomas went along like a veteran and never was in any real danger.

The new hurler displayed a half-balk motion that had the Browns completely baffled once they reached first base. He succeeded in picking off Siler and Armando Marsans, the locals' best base-runners, off first base and worried the others so much that they did not dare to attempt a first.

Hit Plank Seven Times.

The Griffins hit seven blows in the eight innings Plank worked. They also coaxed two bases on balls, but were unable to score save in the first inning, when one of the two gifts off the wrinkled southpaw paved the way for the only count of the afternoon.

To start the game Leonard drew a pass. Foster did not attempt to sacrifice, and instead put a single in left, but Joe got no farther than second on the blow. After the first inning, the Griffins, while Smith put out a sacrifice fly to Shotton, on which Leonard scored and Foster went to third. Shanks then got the only other pass off of Plank and with Foster attempted a double steal, but Ed was tagged at the plate.

The Griffins made two hits in each of the three following innings, but Plank held tight and did not permit any more scoring.

Five Nationals died via the strike-out route, Plank fanning four and Cobb one. The score:

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Leonard	1	0	1.000	2 5 0
Foster	4	0	1.000	2 5 0
Shotton	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Smith	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Morgan	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Judge	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Marsans	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Shanks	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Harley	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Lavan	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Koob	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Rumler	3	0	1.000	2 5 0
Totals	30	1	2.222	57 18 1

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Smith, 3; 0; 0; 0; 0; 2; 5; 0
Morgan, 3; 0; 0; 0; 0; 2; 5; 0
Judge, 3; 0; 0; 0; 0; 2; 5; 0
Marsans, 3; 0; 0; 0; 0; 2; 5; 0
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